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MEMORANDUM TO:

1. Prior to your March trip to Europe the proposed Zog mission to Tito had been brought to our attention. I pointed out at the time it was not a new idea but something that Zog had indicated had been on his mind since mid 1951 or earlier. During the past three months Zog has followed through and the Tozan mission is now history. As a result further Zog-Yugoslav talks were scheduled to be held in Turkey during the current month to carry the discussions a step further.

2. As I visualize your current trip you are interested in obtaining a direct account of the Tozan mission from Zog and all details on the talks scheduled to have been held in Turkey in mid May. In connection with the latter you will determine the intentions and the objectives of the participating parties, the decisions reached at the conference, and the plans resulting from the decisions, as well as current Yugoslav intentions toward Albania. Of course, the situation which we would like to see develop and be in a position to exploit is the creation of an arrangement we could support and utilize at the proper moment as a vehicle for covert operations against Albania utilizing Yugoslav soil and assets as well as Zog's. Numerous problems ahead indicate the path will not be an easy one. However, in view of the world situation, and the isolated position of Albania, the current belief some offensive action against the minions of the Kremlin is very much in order and a real effort to turn the situation to our advantage is fully justified. In addition I would like to point out that our operations against Albania to date have clearly shown that despite three years of effort and the direct expenditure of over a () dollars, we are still a considerable distance from our assigned goals. To my mind this means a new method of approach is indicated; for years our planners and operational personnel have looked longingly at the long Albanian-Yugoslav frontier and have concluded from past history that the open road to Tirana is from the Yugoslav frontier. Consequently I would recommend approaching the situation with the long term goal in mind of dispatching a follow-up force against Hoxha. A minimum objective would be cementing the present relationship with Zog in the event the Zog-Yugoslav relationship does not materialize.

3. At present we are in the position of utilizing some Zog assets independently of our operations undertaken in the name of NCFA. This policy can not be continued on an expanded basis without danger of

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putting us in an embarrassing position with the British, especially if the scope of our operations expands into the field of closely integrated operations with the Yugoslavs. Consequently the stop over planned in London upon your return is very much in order.

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